Setting up of Growth Centres

1559. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centrally-assisted scheme to set up 'Growth Centres' in the indostrially backward areas of various States has not made much headway and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the basic concept of the Growth Centres; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to overcome the hurdles to ensure the successful establishmet of Growth Centres as envisaged

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) With a view to promoting industrialisation of the backward areas in the country, the Government announced in June, 1988 a Scheme for establishment of 70 Growth Centres all over the country during the VIII Five Year Plan. These centres would be provided with basic facilities such as power, water, banking and telecommunication etc. so that these could attract industries. Each growth centre would be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 25—30 crores and would be jointly funded by the Centre, State and the Financial Institutions. Sites of 69 centres have been identified and announced. Out of 66 Project Reports which have been received from the State Governments so far, 39 have been appraised and approved. Central assistance of Rs. 73.24 crores has been released so far. The States have contributed about 90 crores.

(c) The implementation of the scheme is reviewed constantly. A reiew committee had also been constituted. It has submitted its report which is under the consideration of the Government.

Foreign companies in India

1560. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign companies in our country at present; and

(b) the number of collaboral sectors, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) During the Post-policy period (i.e. 1-8-91 to 31.1.95) 2837 proposals for foreign investment have been recevied and approved for setting up of projects in India, involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 27905.94 crores (including Rs. 5230.44 crores to be raised through Euro Issues).

(b) Statement showing sector-wise breakup of number of foreign collaboration proposals approved during the post policy period from 1-8-91 to 31 1.95 is attached as statement—I (*See* below)

Statement showing lountry-wise breakup of foreign collaboration proposals approved from 1991 to 1995 (upto Jan.) is attached as statement—II

Statement-I

Sector-wise Break-up of foreign investment cases approved from 01/08/91 *to* 31/01/95

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	Number of Financial Approvals
1	2	3
1.	Mettallurgical Industries : Ferrous	48

1	2	3
	Non-Ferrous	28
	Special Alloys	12
	Misc. (Other Items)-Metallurgy	5
	TOTAL :	93
2.	Fuels :	
	Power	11
	Oil Refinery	38
	Others (Fuels)	25
	TOTAL :	74
3.	Boilers and Steam Generating Plants	13
4.	Prime Movers other than Electrical	3
5.	Electricals Equipment	
	Electrical Equipment	212
	Computer Software Industry	192
	Electronics	84
	Others (S/W)	9
	TOTAL :	513
6.	Telecommunications	33
7.	Transportation Industry	
	Automobile Industry	57
	Air/Sea Transport	28
	Others (Transport)	6
	TOTAL :	124
8.	Industrial Machinery	174
9.	Machine Tools	31
10.	Agricultural Machinery	4
11.	Earth-Moving Machinery	11
12.	Miscellaneous Mechanical & Engineering	101
13.	Commercial, Office & Household Equipment	17

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	Number of Financial Approvals
1	2	3
4	Medical and Surgical Appliances	15
15	Industrial Instruments	27
16	Scientific Instruments	17
17	Fertilizers	3
18	Chemicals (Other than fertilizers)	260
9	Photographic Raw Film and Paper	4
0	Dye-Stuffs	5
1	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	53
2	Textiles (Include Dyed, Printed)	148
3	Paper and Pulp Including Paper Product	26
4	Sugar	2
5	Fermentation Industries	22
6	Food Processing Industries :	
	Food products	195
	Marine products	63
	Miscellaneous (Food prod.)	2
	TOTAL :	260
	Vegetable Oils and Vanaspati	18
	Soaps, Cosmetics and Toilet Preparations	12
	Rubber Goods	28
	Leather, Leather Goods and Pickers	65
	Glass	13
	Ceramics	64
	Cement and Gypsum Products	17
	Timber Products	1
	Defence Industries	0
	Consultancy Services :	
	Design & Eng. Services	47
	Management Services	11

1	2	3
	Marketing	10
	Construction	3
	Others (Consultancy Service)	3
	TOTAL :	74
37	Service Sector :	
	Financial	64
	Non-Financial Services	105
	Banking Services	6
	Other Services	6
	TOTAL :	181
38	Hotel & Tourism :	
	Hotel & Restaurants	50
	Tourism	14
	TOTAL :	64
39	Trading Co.	120
40	Miscellaneous Industries :	
	Horticulture	11
	Agriculture	21
	Floriculture	32
	Others (Misc. Industries)	132
	TOTAL :	196
	TOTAL :	2837

Statement-II

Country-wise approvals for foreign direct investment from 1991 *to* 1995 (*Upto January*)

	Country	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
		Fin	Fin	Fin	Fin	Fin
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	U.S.A.	53	154	151	179	19
2	U.K.	38	73	80	97	9
3	Germany	35	83	75	96	9
4	Mauritius	0	0	8	8	4
5	Japan	15	44	26	45	2
6	Italy	22	22	26	43	4
7	Australia.	5	12	15	26	1
8	Singapore	9	24	28	45	5
9	Netherlands	25	23	26	57	3
10	Hongkong	9	7	18	24	1
11	Korea (South)	5	27	21	25	3
12	Russia	6	22	7	14	0
13	France	11	20	19	34	2
14	Denmark	5	10	8	8	1
15	U.A.E.	2	5	5	7	0
16	Switzerlands	10	38	34	29	4
17	Canada	8	5	8	9	1
18	Kuwait	0	1	1	4	0
19	China	1	0	8	5	0
20	Bermuda.	0	1	0	1	0
21	Malaysia.	1	1	5	9	1
22	Austria	4	5	5	13	4
23	Oman	0	0	2	2	0
24	Sweden	6	7	2	11	0
25	Finland	4	4	4	4	1
26	Taiwan	2	8	10	10	1
27	Thailand	0	4	4	10	1
28	Israel	0	1	2	6	3
2 9	Bahamas.	0	1	0	2	1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30	Belgium	2	6	5	6	1
31	Ireland	0	1	3	7	0
32	Bahrain	0	1	1	4	0
33	Phillipines	0	1	6	2	0
34	British Virginia	0	1	2	1	0
35	Cayman Island	0	0	1	1	0
36	Sri Lanka	0	0	1	4	0
37	Spain	1	3	3	3	0
38	Nigeria	0	0	0	2	0
39	Channel Island	0	0	0	3	0
40	Maldives.	0	0	0	1	0
41	Ukraine	0	3	1	2	0
42	Norway	1	4	2	2	0
43	South Africa	0	0	0	1	0
44	Hungary	0	0	7	1	0
45	West Indies	0	1	0	1	0
46	Cyprus	0	0	0	1	0
47	Nepal	0	0	0	1	0
48	Afganistan	0	0	1	0	0
49	Armenia	0	0	1	0	0
50	Argentina	0	0	0	0	0
51	Belorussia	0	0	1	0	0
52	Brazil	1	2	0	0	0
53	Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0
54	Croatia	0	0	0	0	0
55	Czech Republic	0	2	1	0	0
56	Estonia	0	0	1	0	0
57	Chile	0	0	0	0	0
58	Hawai Islands	0	0	0	0	0
59	Indonesia	0	3	1	0	0
60	Isle of Man	0	0	0	0	0
61	Kazakhastan	0	0	1	0	0
62	Korea (North)	1	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
63	Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0
64	Latvia	0	2	0	0	0
65	Luxembourg	0	0	2	0	0
66	Mexico	0	2	3	1	0
67	New Zealand	0	2	1	0	0
68	Panama	0	0	2	0	0
69	Poland	1	0	1	0	0
70	Portugal	1	1	1	0	0
71	Qatar	0	1	0	0	0
72	Saudi Arabia	0	2	8	0	0
73	Scotland	0	0	0	0	0
74	Slovakia	0	0	1	0	0
75	Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0
76	Turkey	0	0	0	0	0
77	Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0
78	Uruguay	0	1	0	0	0
79	Yugo lavia	0	1	0	0	0
80	NRI	6	49	127	168	15
81	Euro Issues	0	0	0	22	0
82	Others	0	1	6	5	0
	TOTAL :	289	692	785	1062	96

Shortage of newsprint in the Country

1561. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the recent shortage of Newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken for resolving the issue;

(c) the quantity of newsprint imported annually to meet the demand; and

(d) the rate of duty charged on imported newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The indigenous production of newsprint does not meet its full demand in the country. Therefore, its import is being allowed. Import of newsprint which was canalised through STC earlier, has been decanalised w.e.f. 1.4.1992. Its import is governed by the provision of Public Notice No. 4-ITC (PN)/92-97 dated 31.3.1992. According to this notification, newspaper units with an annual entitlement of more than 200 MT [as determined by the Registrar